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SUBJ: SAVIMBI PRESS CONFERENCE, JAN 21

1. FOLLOWING MORNING MEETING WITH PRES MOBUTU, UNITA PRES JONAS SAVIMBI FAVE JAN 21 PRESS CONFERENCE AT KINSHASA WHERE HE MADE INTER ALIA THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) CASTRO IS A RACIST. HE SENDS ONLY CUBAN BLACKS TO FIGHT ANGOLAN BLACKS. SOME CAPTURED CUBAN BLACKS WILL SOON BE PRESENTED TO THE ZAIRIAN PRESS.

B) MASSIVE INPUT OF SOVET ARMS AND CUBAN TROOPS (NOW 10,000) CANNOT WIN FOR MPLA IN ANGOLA. PEOPLE WILL NEVER PERMIT SOVIET/ CUBAN RE-COLONIZATION OF ANGOLA. A GOVT OF NATIONAL UNITY IS ONLY SOLUTION TO ANGOLAN CRISIS. ANGOLA IS A SINGLE ENTITY, CANNOT BE PARTITIONED INTO TWO OR THREE STATES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO

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UNITA/MPLA CONTACTS. AT ADDIS, MPLA MADE IT CLEAR IT WOULD DEMAD

EXCLUSION OF 6 UNITA MEMBERS (INCLUDING SAVIMBI) AS CONDITION FOR GOVT OF NATIONAL UNITY. BUT NEGOTIATIONS CAN ONLY BE BASED ON NAKURU AND ALVOR ACCORDS. NETO MUST NOT CONSIDER ANGOLA 'HIS GARDN'. HE MUST BE FORCED TO NEGOTIATE. TO ACHIEVE THIS, THERE MUST BE A RE-BALANCING OF FORCES ON THE GROUND. UNITA LOOKS TO US AND TO AMERICAN CONGRESS TO HELP CREATE THE MILITARY IMPASSE WHICH WILL LEAD TO NEGOTIATION. DESPITE DOMESTIC PRESSURES, US IS GREAT POWER WITH WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITIES. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT ANGOLA IS NOW BEING DISCUSSED BY THE GREAT POWERS WITHOUT ANGOLAN PARTICIPATION. MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON CANNOT SOLVE THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM WITHOUT ASSOCIATING THE ANGOLANS.

C) THERE HAVE BEEN NO CLASHES BETWEEN UNITA AND FNLA. UNITY MUST BE MAINTAINED. UNITA/FNLA COOPEITION NOT SOLELY MILITARY. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FNLA AND UNITA IN GOVT AT HUAMBO MUST BE FACED SQUARLY. CONCERNING ALLEGED AIRLIFT OF TROOPS TO NORTHERN FRONT, THE NORTH AND SOUTH FORM ONE FRONT. AGREEMENT WITH FNLA CALLS FOR COOPERATION. IF SOUTHERN FRONT IS RELATIVELY QUIET, UNITA HAS DUTY TO "COORDINATE ACTION."

D) AFTER DILOLO, ZAMBIA WILL BE MPLA'S NEXT TARGET.

E) FOLLOWING ATTACK ON NORTHERN FRONT, NEW MPLA OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO CUT BENGUELA RAIL LINE AT LUSAO, IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION.

F) OAU SUMMIT WAS A SUCCESS FOR UNITA/FNLA, IN THAT LANDA GOVT DID NOT WIN MAJORITY RECOGNITION. OAU SURVIVED.

2. COMMENT: GLOSSING OVER FNLA/UNITA DIFFERENCES, SAVIMBI'S PULIC PLAY TO RECONVENED CONGRESS IN LOUD AND CLEAR.

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